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REFERENCE: Your memo, same subject, dated 18 May 1950

1. In answer to your reference memorandum, the following six Divisions of OSI; Biology, Chemistry, Weapons, Physics, Medicine, and Nuclear Energy, use the ICF to a considerable extent. The other two Divisions, Geophysics and Scientific Resources are comparatively new and although they have not yet had occasion to use the ICF they feel that they will use it in the future.

2. The general reaction to the services rendered to the Divisions by the ICF was quite favorable. The consolidated consensus related to the specific questions asked in your reference memorandum is as follows:

a. Paragraph 1 b (1) - ICF does supply information not otherwise available to analysts. In some cases this contribution is substantial. It provides a general source for this type of information which is available to analysts without extra effort on their part.

b. Paragraph 1 b (2) - ICF does serve as a repository of industrial information. It does not, however, preclude the Divisions maintaining their own file for special purposes. The information contained is not necessarily complete for Division purposes, but when taken with Library and Biographical Register files it is invaluable and saves analysts considerable time and effort in easy reference. The Physics Division considers it one of the most competent of OCD services.

c. Paragraph 1 b (3) - ICF does supplement information maintained by analysts. It obviates the necessity of analysts files in this category except for special cases.

d. Paragraph 1 b (4) - ICF does provide a certain degree of check by which analysts can determine if their information is complete. It does not however, provide a complete check. It is not known whether or not ICF contains all the information of this type which exists in the intelligence community. If it does, it will provide an extremely useful service.

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